

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] Referring to Fig. 1, there is shown one representative example of a roll structure employed in a conductive roll according to the present invention. In Fig. 1, the reference numeral 10 denotes a bar- or pipe-shaped conductive shaft body (metal core) formed of metal such as a stainless metallic material. On an outer circumferential surface of the shaft body 10, there is provided a conductive elastic layer 12. Further, a protective layer 14 having a suitable thickness is formed radially outwardly of the conductive elastic layer 12.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] ~~Deseried~~Described more specifically, the rubber composition for the conductive elastic layer 12 is obtained by adding, to a rubber material which will be described later, at least one conductive agent such as an electron-conductive agent or an ion-conductive agent conventionally used for giving the conductivity, and a thermoplastic resin having crosslinkable double bonds and a melting point in a range from 40°C to 100°C such that the amount of the thermoplastic resin is held in a range of 5 to 50 wt.% of a total amount of the rubber material and the thermoplastic resin. The thermoplastic resin described above is softened upon extrusion of the rubber composition, so that the viscosity and the die swell value of the rubber composition are suitably lowered, and the fluidity of the rubber composition is increased. Accordingly, the rubber composition can be extruded with high stability, and the surface of the extruded elastic layer 12 is sufficiently smoothed. Therefore, the conductive elastic layer 12 has high degrees of surface smoothness and dimensional accuracy. The thermoplastic resin is co-crosslinked with the rubber material by a vulcanizing agent (crosslinking agent) such as sulfur that is added to the rubber

composition for vulcanizing the rubber, so that the resistance to permanent set of the conductive roll can be effectively increased.